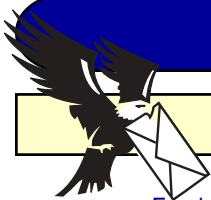


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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Be attentive to, respectful of flaggers

I just read the announcement from DOE regarding the Stevens Drive improvements.

My wife is one of the “flaggers” on the project, and I appreciated the paragraph requesting Hanford drivers to obey the signs and “traffic-control” personnel. As the announcement states, they are there to assist movement through the project in a safe and timely manner.

I would add they are not there to be cussed at, yelled at or flipped off! My wife has come home many days with stories of how rude and obnoxious people can be.

One woman came through with a cell phone stuck to her ear and complained about the lack of warning signs. She had just passed a mile of signs and cones.

Every year dozens of flaggers are killed in the United States because of inattentive drivers. Please give them your attention and respect. Just as you do, they have families to go home to after the end of a long, hot day.

Ron Bricker
Fluor Hanford

Life easy for Sheriff's Department

I suppose if I were a county sheriff's deputy I would be glad to patrol the Hanford Site. There are no strangers. Everybody has their name around their neck. There's no chance of one of the officers getting a gun pulled on him and no alcohol problems, so there is no dealing with drunks — all these items are prohibited on the Hanford Site. All they have to do is catch unsuspecting Hanford workers cruising 5 miles per hour over the speed limit.

Yes, life is good at Hanford, for the Sheriff's Department. Meanwhile, the Hanford road rally continues daily on Highway 24 between Yakima and Hanford.

Noel Hinojosa
Fluor Hanford



CALENDAR

‘Putting a lid on Chernobyl’ is PMI meeting topic

The topic of the June 10 meeting of the Columbia River Basin Chapter of the Project Management Institute at the Richland Shilo Inn is “Putting a Lid on Chernobyl.” Eric Schmieman of Battelle is the speaker. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 and the program begins at 7. The cost is \$17 for members and \$20 for guests. Make your reservation online at <http://www.crb-pmi.org/id41.html> by noon today, June 9.

Learn to use the Hanford Technical Library

On June 12, Hanford Technical Library staff members will conduct two seminars on using the Internet and library resources. Both seminars take place in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center on the Washington State University campus Tri-Cities.

“How to Search the Internet” will be offered 12-1 p.m. and will help you discover how to search the Internet quickly and efficiently, review the similarities and differences among popular search engines, and learn where to go when the search engines are not providing what you want. For more information, contact Melissa McBurney at 372-7439 or at melissa.mcburney@pnl.gov, or Cheryl Wiborg at 372-7432 or at cheryl.wiborg@pnl.gov.

“Library Resources and Library Tour” will take place 1-2:30 p.m. and you will learn how to use the library's electronic services to find the information you need when you need it — all from your desktop. This seminar is particularly useful for new employees. For more information, contact Cheryl Wiborg at 372-7432 or at cheryl.wiborg@pnl.gov, or Yung Harbison at 372-7453 or at yung.harbison@pnl.gov.

Donate blood in June at two locations

Hanford workers have two opportunities to donate blood in June. On June 11, the American Red

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Cross bloodmobile will be in the PFP parking lot from 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. To schedule an appointment to give blood, contact Patrick Jenkins by e-mail or call 373-6221. On June 12, the blood drawing will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Federal Building. Registration will take place in the lobby, with the drawing in the bloodmobile in the parking lot north of the building. To schedule an appointment, call the American Red Cross at (800) 787-9691. Walk-ins are always welcome.

PFP's 'Heavy Metal Daze' car show,fund-raiser

The Plutonium Finishing Plant's "Heavy Metal Daze" car, truck and bike show and barbecue has been rescheduled to June 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the south parking lot. The event was originally slated for June 19, but the date was changed because of an emergency drill. The flyers bear the incorrect date. All money raised during the show will be donated to the Columbia Basin Domestic Violence Services. Awards will be given in the following categories: motorcycle, hot rod, truck, import, bone stock, work in progress and best of show. For more information, call Shawn Wilson at 373-3435, Don Sorenson at 373-5935, Bill Allen at 373-2286 or Henry Ownby at 373-1761.

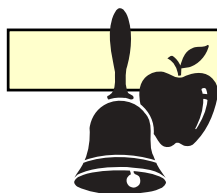
Conference on plutonium in Albuquerque

The Science 2003 Conference — The Plutonium Futures — will be held July 6-10 in Albuquerque, N.M. The third in a series, this conference will provide an international forum for presenting and discussing current research on physical and chemical properties and environmental interactions of plutonium and other actinide elements. Register before June 5 and save \$100. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.lanl.gov/pu2003>.

CREHST offers camps for 5th-through-8th graders

The Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology will hold summer camps during

the week of July 28-Aug. 1 for students entering fifth and sixth grades, and during the week of Aug. 4-8 for students entering seventh and eighth grades. The theme for the summer camps will be the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery and will include scientific activities, creative crafts and artistic projects surrounding the following topics: ancestry of dogs, study of raptors, mapping and exploration skills, the nature of sound and Native American culture. The camp fee is \$40 for CREHST member families and \$55 for non-member families. For more information and to register, call CREHST at 943-9000. Participation is limited to 20 students per session. The camp will be held in Richland's Howard Amon Park near the museum. ♦



CLASSES

PROTRAIN offers software training

Microsoft Project 2000 (\$199 per day or \$348 for both days)

- Level 1 — June 9
- Level 2 — June 10

Primavera Project Planning (\$425 per day)

- P-3 602 — June 23
- P-3 603 — June 24
- P-3 604 — June 25

Crystal Reports 8 (\$249 per day or \$448 for both days)

- Introduction — June 23
- Advanced — June 24

• **Upgrading to Windows XP** — June 27 (\$249)

• **Upgrading to Office XP** — June 26 (\$169)

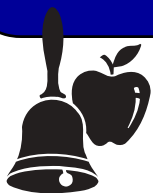
For more information, contact Sarah at 375-0414 or at sarah@protrainsys.com. Group discounts are available.

Effective Presentations offered on June 23

"Effective Presentations" is an eight-hour course that is ideal for anyone wanting to improve their communication skills including trainers, managers,

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team leaders and committee members. This course will be presented on June 23 by Joe Estey at the Hanford Training Center. The cost is \$180 per person. To register, contact Joan Howard at 946-2102 or at jhoward@energxfanford.com or Lynn Collins at 946-9654 or at lcollins@energxfanford.com.

Personal Protection Safety Measures July 29-30

The Northwest Public Power Association is presenting "Personal Protection Safety Measures," a two-day class at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center July 29-30. This course will cover the physiology of electrical shock and treatment; the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's mandated electrical requirements; the role and use of NFPA 70E; and over 600-volt applications. Register before June 27 and pay \$1,095. The cost is \$1,145 for registrations received after June 27. To register, contact Wendy Carlson at (360) 254-0109 or visit www.nwppa.org.

Refresher for electrical PE exam

A refresher course for the electrical professional engineer exam begins July 14 at Washington State University Tri-Cities. The course meets weekly on Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m. and runs through Sept. 29. Designed for those who are currently engineers, the refresher course will prepare attendees for the next Washington State Electrical Professional Engineers examination in October. Enrollment is limited. Books for the course will be available at The Bookie on the WSU Tri-Cities campus. For more information, contact Karen Davis at 372-7293 or at kldavis@tricity.wsu.edu. ♦



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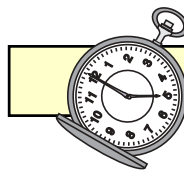
Tuition Assistance Program applications available for child care center

The non-profit board of directors of the Learning Landscape Child Care Center has announced that applications for the 2003 Tuition Assistance Program are available. To qualify for tuition assistance, you must have a child enrolled in the Learning Landscape Child Care Center, or you must be on the waiting list for enrollment to Learning Landscape, and meet income eligibility criteria. Tuition assistance is applicable only to tuition at Learning Landscape and is allocated for the 12-month period beginning on Sept. 1.

Applications with information on eligibility criteria are available at the Learning Landscape Child Care Center at 1167 Jadwin Ave. in Richland, or by contacting Arlene Tortoso at 373-9631 or Shannon Ortiz at 373-0908. Applications must be received by Aug. 1 at the following address:

**Learning Landscape Tuition Assistance Program
P. O. Box 1618
Richland, WA 99352**

The Learning Landscape Child Care Center was established to serve the needs of the Department of Energy and other federal agencies, DOE contractors, and the general public in the Tri-Cities area. ♦



RETIREMENTS

John Allison, Ann Johnson, Claudine Riendeau, Connie Ritter and Nancie Simon are retiring from CH2M HILL Hanford Group and a party is being held in their honor on June 9, starting at 3:30 p.m. in the covered area of Leslie Groves Park. Join the Mission Control staff at this party and wish the retirees well. Donations for a retirement gift are being accepted by Karen Carlson, R2-80, or Jerry Dronen, R2-88, 2750E. ♦

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GENERAL INFO & ACTIVITIES

POSITIONS ON THE HERO BOARD — The HERO Board positions of 300 Area representative, secretary and vice president-social are vacant. If you would like to apply, and have your manager's consent, send an e-mail message to Phyllis Roha.

MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER — It saves the ticket sellers' time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day. Do not combine the charge for tickets to two different events on the same check. If you do, it will be returned.

HRA DISCOUNTS — Log on to <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hrd/> to see the discounts list.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated non-sufficient fund bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit now 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$5 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5.50 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. Regal and Carmike tickets are valid in Seattle and Spokane as well as the Tri-Cities. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks (no cash) made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Ginny Wallace (S7-03), Marta Caballero (S5-14) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). Sunnyside Movie Theater is now offering tickets for two admissions for one show, for \$10.50 with no show restrictions. These tickets are also good for Ellensburg and Walla Walla. For Yakima Mercy or Sunnyside tickets, send checks (no cash) to Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Jim Hopfinger (S7-39) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

SILVERWOOD TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE — The amusement park is now open through Sept. 28. The new Boulder Beach Water Park will open July 1. Discount ticket prices through HERO are \$22.50 for general admission (ages 8-64) and \$11 for children age 3 to 7 years and seniors 65 years and older. Ticket sellers are Linda Meigs (H3-12), Cheri McGee (N2-53), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Tricia Poland (T5-04), Marta Caballero (S5-14) and Ginny Wallace (S7-03). Please send your checks (made out to HERO) to any of these ticket sellers and your tickets will be sent back to you in the plant mail.

MT. ADAMS GOLF OUTING — Get your foursomes together for the second annual HERO golf outing at Mt. Adams. Join us for a fun-filled day of golfing in Toppenish at the country club on Sept. 26 (Friday off), with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. There is no need for handicap. The cost is \$55, which includes a barbecued burger lunch, greens fees, one-half cart, goodie bag and prize fund. To sign up, make your check out to HERO and send it along with your group's names to Jim Hopfinger at S7-39.

COLUMBIA VOYAGER DINNER CRUISE — On July 31, join us for a relaxing, three-hour dinner cruise down the Columbia River. The price is \$30 per person and includes the cruise and an all-you-can-eat dinner buffet featuring carved baron of beef, teriyaki chicken, desserts, non-alcoholic drinks, taxes and gratuities. A no-host bar is also available. Board at 6:30 p.m. at the dock behind the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Slowly cruise to the Cable Bridge and return to the dock at 10 p.m. Seating is limited, so don't wait. Make your reservations now by sending a check or money order, made out to HERO, to Cheri McGee at N2-53.

SIX FLAGS WILD WAVES/ENCHANTED VILLAGE TICKETS AVAILABLE — The parks offer 70 acres of non-stop fun for everyone. After a short drive to Federal Way (near Tacoma), enjoy more than 40 exhilarating rides and attractions in Enchanted Village, and then cool down in one of Wild Wave's 14 thrilling waterslides. Ride the surf in the gigantic 24,000-square-foot wave pool! With two parks for the price of one, it's simply the most fun you'll have all year! Discounted tickets are available through HERO for \$21 per person (ages 2 and under are free). To purchase your tickets, send checks (made payable to HERO) to Linda Meigs at H3-12.

UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Hood River Murder Mystery Dinner Train** — Aug. 16. Reserve your table for a sumptuous dinner and a murderously funny evening filled with entertainers. Dinner includes appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. The price of \$135 per person includes round-trip bus from Tri-Cities plus the dinner train. We are filling a second bus, so hurry and send in your \$25 per-person deposit to secure your space. For more information, contact Linda Meigs (H3-12) or call Marla of Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 783-4645.

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- **Vacation of a lifetime, the French Riviera** — Oct. 6-15. The price is \$2,284 pp for twin, \$2,254 pp for triple and \$2,584 for single, which includes round-trip air fare from Pasco, \$120 cancellation insurance and \$85 in taxes and fees. Payment in full is due at signup. For those who have made a deposit, final payment is due July 23. Tour the French Riviera, Italian Riviera, Monaco, St. Tropez, Cannes, Grasse and Nice. We only have to unpack once as we will be staying in Nice and taking day trips to all the other exciting places. There will be free time also to do your own exploring. Included are seven breakfasts and five dinners. E-mail Nancie Simon at bearclanwa@aol.com or call 627-0657 for more information.
- **Disney World/Disney Cruise** — Oct. 19-26. The price ranges from \$1,302 to \$1,852 ppdo, depending on the type of room you want. The price includes four days in Walt Disney World with entrance into all the parks, a three-day cruise to the Bahamas and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island), taxes and transfers. Don't wait to send in a \$250 per person deposit to hold your spot. Contact Tricia Poland for more information.
- **Reflections of Italy** — Departure date is Nov. 3.

\$2,782 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and 13 meals during this 10-day journey to Italy, beginning in Rome, "the Eternal City." A deposit of \$430 per person will reserve your spot, with final payment due Sept. 4. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

- **Switzerland** — Nov. 3-11. The price is \$1,879 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 11 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. A \$250 deposit is due as soon as possible with the balance due Sept. 4. The medieval city of Bern is our host city. Highlights of the tour include the Swiss Parliament, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, Lake Geneva and the medieval Castle of Chillon. Enjoy breathtaking Alpine views with a ride on the Panoramic Express Train to Gstaad. Then on to Interlaken, Grindewald, Zurich, Burgdorf Castle, Lucerne and an optional tour to Germany and the mystical Black Forest. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail for more information.
- **San Antonio Christmas** — Dec. 8-12. The price is \$1,289 pp for twin, \$1,269 pp for triple and \$1,659 for singles. Includes round-trip airfare from Seattle, transfers, cancellation waiver, travel insurance and six meals. Highlights of the trip will be Paseo Del Rio, the Alamo, a Mexican marketplace, the LBJ Ranch, Cavern Carolers and Fiesta De Las Luminarias. A deposit of \$160 is due by Aug. 22. Contact Cheri McGee for details. ♦



VANPOOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the Hanford Reach. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge.

KENNEWICK

Van No. 141 has immediate openings for riders, 8x9 shift, to 200W, one stop at 277-W. Leaves from Fred Meyer in Kennewick, and stops at the Hanford Training Center in Richland. Please contact **Terry** at 373-5566 or **Tom** at 373-2477. 6/9

RICHLAND

Vanpool to 200E needs several riders, 8x9s. Rate as low as \$35 per month. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 6/9

Spacious seating is still available for several 8x9 riders to 200W aboard Van No. 117. Roundtrip from parking lot adjacent to 1019 Wright in Richland. The cost is less than that of a daily commute for one person in his or her own personal vehicle. Call or send an e-mail message to **Gary Bush** at 372-2531. 6/2

Two riders needed for Vanpool No. 216, 8x9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with door-to-door delivery from Richland to 200E. Van starts on the south end of Jadwin, winds its way up Thayer and Williams, over to George Washington Way and out to 2750-E and 2704-HV (only if rider is a backup driver). Call **Michelle Calvert** at 376-5400 or **Kip George** at 373-7399. 6/2

Van No. 153 is seeking two riders. Join a van with comfortable reclining seats. Picks up in the Willowbrook, Meadow Springs and Hills West areas, including Albertson's on Gage and Leslie. Drops off in 200E, including 2704-HV. Call **Pam Powell** at 373-6200 or send an e-mail message. 6/2 ♦